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New York Election

The election of four Tammany congressmen in four Tammany districts is hailed by democratic leaders as a great democratic victory, foreshadowing democratic triumphs in the congressional election in November.

A study of the returns shows that the relation of the democratic to the republican vote in the four districts in 1916 was 63 to 37, and on Tuesday it was 60 to 40. The same ratio of democratic loss and republican gain throughout the country in November would give the republicans a substantial majority in the house compared with 1916.

The democrats in the four districts had the great additional advantage of an entrenched Tammany in full municipal control. If under such conditions, the administration politician can do no better than this, where the republican organization has been disrupted by the thorough demoralization caused by the Mitchel mayoralty campaign of last fall and a practically total lack of publicity and local or federal patronage in congressional districts known to be democratic and where only congressmen were voted for, what can be expected of the rest of the country in November next?

Carrier Compensation

Another republican attempt to secure a just compensation for the rural mail carriers of the country is to be made by Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska when the post office appropriation bill comes up for consideration in the senate. At that time Mr. Norris will offer an amendment to the measure granting \$250 per year to carriers on routes of less than 24 miles for the maintenance of their equipment, and \$300 per year on routes of over 24 miles. The senator expressly stipulates that these sums are to be in addition to the compensation now provided by law. Several similar propositions in the shape of bills or amendments of republican authorship are now pending in the senate and house, and it is more than probable that the result will be a grant of substantial relief to our rural carriers.

Campaign Brings Idle Money

Missouri post office officials very emphatically declare that the W. S. S. plan is meeting the government's expectations in bringing into circulation additional money, money that has been secreted for various inexplicable reasons. As an illustration that the War Saving campaign is positively "bringing money out of sock" and from "beneath the mattress" they say that in one day their post office received a \$5.00 bill of 1858 date, which was so old it fell into bits through handling. The same day a school boy presented a \$3.00 gold piece in payment for Thrift Stamps. It was the first gold piece of this denomination seen at the post office in fifteen years.

A Badge Of Honor

A Liberty Loan button is a badge of honor. Rightfully obtained it marks the wearer as one who has performed a distinct, definite service to the country.

Not all can fight, not all can work directly for the government; but in buying a Liberty Loan bond or War Saving Stamps, every American renders some service to the nation. It has been put with-

in the reach and power of every citizen to aid the United States financially; it is a poor American who withholds support from the government, from our soldiers and sailors fronting death on battlefields and oceans.

Iron crosses to German soldiers, and diamond orders exchanged between Turkish and German sovereigns may be but the honors of atrocity. But a Liberty Loan button, simple as it is, signifies a patriotic duty done and is an insignia of honor.

The Third Liberty Loan

The campaign for the third Liberty Loan will be opened on the 6th day of April, the anniversary of the declaration of a state of war between the United States and Germany.

The amount, terms, and conditions of the loan are dependent upon further legislation and will be announced as soon as congress has granted the necessary powers.

Secretary McAdoo chose the 6th of April as the day to open the campaign as the most fitting date to call for a patriotic response to the summons to duty to every American, to ask from the people at home the same fervent patriotism that actuates our gallant sons on the battlefields of France and on the waters of the Atlantic.

Ruling Makes Garden Imperative

The duty of the home gardener is clear, following the government's demands on canning factories for products. The food administration has advised all canners to hold for war purposes until further orders, all canned corn, peas, tomatoes, and string beans that they have in stock. These are the vegetables that are most easily produced in the home garden, and those persons who have been using the commercial product may be disappointed this year if they depend on this source again.

It is evident that the government is needing such supplies and as the number of men under arms increases, the demand for them will grow. The home garden will supply these products for local consumption and thus not only relieve the commercial supplies for war use but will relieve the railroads of the necessity for transporting them.

The University of Missouri College of Agriculture has called attention to the demands of the government, so that gardens may be started in time. It has been suggested that every man grow a garden who can obtain a few square yards of land. The food administration has reassured householders that the government has no intention of seizing home canned goods.

Manure Increases Corn 10 Bushels

The results of a large number of tests conducted by the University of Missouri College of Agriculture shows that manure applied to corn land at the rate of eight loads per acre has given an average increase of 10.4 bushels during the first season following its application. At the present price of farm products this should be sufficient reason for making a special effort this spring to save every ton of manure produced on the farm, and to see that it is returned to the field before the corn crop is planted.

Manure is unquestionably the most satisfactory corn fertilizer. No Missouri farmer should consider using commercial plant foods this spring until he has cleaned out every barn, feed lot and hog pen on the place. After this has been done and still there is medium to thin land to be planted to corn, some commercial fertilizer, especially the highly phosphatic ones, will doubtless be profitable.

"The Stars and Stripes"

The American Expeditionary Forces in France are issuing a newspaper, "The Stars and Stripes." The Kansas City Journal received a copy of the paper dated France, February 8, and in an editorial review of it the Journal says:

"A three-column portrait of General Pershing adorns the front page, beneath which is the following signed article by the general:

In this initial number of "The Stars and Stripes" published by the men of the supreme command the commander-in-chief of the American Expeditionary Forces extends his greetings through the editorial staff to the readers from the first line trenches to the base ports. These readers are mainly the men who have been honored by being the first contingent of Americans to fight on European soil for the honor of their country. It is an honor and a privilege which make them fortunate above the millions of their fellow citizens at home. Commensurate with their privilege in being here is the duty which is laid before them and this duty will be performed by them as Americans of the past, eager, determined and unyielding to the last.

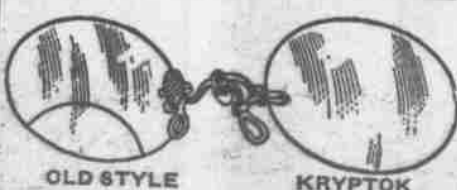
The paper, written by the men in the service, should speak the thoughts of the new American army and American people from whom the army has been drawn. It is your paper. Good luck to it."

Offer Of Great Newspaper

Do not fail to note the real "money-saving proposition" made by that sterling newspaper, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, elsewhere in this issue. In spite of the enormously increased cost of production the Daily Globe-Democrat, except Sunday, is offered to rural free delivery and star route patrons (yearly subscriptions only) at the remarkably low rate of \$3 per year, or in complete clubs of three or more at the net rate of only \$2.50 for each yearly subscription. The Daily Globe-Democrat, including Sunday, is offered \$5.50 per year or in clubs of three or more at the rate of \$4.75 for each yearly subscription. This offer is also open to subscribers who receive their mail at post offices where the Daily Globe-Democrat is not handled by local newsdealers. The regular price of the Daily Globe-Democrat including Sunday is \$7.50 per year; daily without Sunday, \$5 per year; Sunday, only, \$2.50 per year; issued twice a week, 50 cents a year. Again we urge you to read the "money saving-proposition" and send in your order at once. Address, the Globe Printing Company, Publishers, St. Louis, Mo.

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